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Comments: I have been a mountain bike rider for 25 years and now am 76 years old and would like to continue riding on Forest Service trails. I recently bought a pedal assist mountain e-bike that makes it possible to continue mountain biking on the trails I love. I strongly recommend that the Forest Service allow pedal assisted e-bikes to use designated non-motorized trails. Consider that a trails actual use depends a lot on the age and infirmity of the bicycle rider. Use for younger users expands also because they can ride longer or go further. The trail impact of an e-bike compared to a regular bicycle is nil. E-bikes expand usability. The International Mountain Bicycling

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